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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

THROUGH: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research, OHR

FROM: Chief, Industrial Division, OHR

SUBJECT: Corrections to Memorandum on Discussions with Non-Government Personnel

REFERENCE: Memorandum for the Assistant Director, SI, from Chief, Guided Missile Division, SI, dated 22 March 1959, Subject: Extent of Discussions with Non-Governmental Personnel on "Soviet ICBM and URM Production Rates" During Past Two Years.

1. Paragraph 2. d. of the reference includes a statement of a symposium held by OHR on 9 and 10 June 1958. This statement is in error in several respects.

2. The personnel involved in this symposium were not briefed on our evidence on or our estimates of Soviet ICBM and URM production rates. They were, however, briefed on the nature of the Soviet economy, geography, transportation facilities, etc. They were told in very broad terms that the USSR had been testing missiles for some time and that we believed the USSR had an extensive missile program. Most of the discussion concerned details of production and deployment of the US program which might aid in detecting violations of a possible US-USSR agreement to ban the production and deployment of long range missiles. The group as a whole formulated a working assumption as to what the minimum number (200 to 500) of such missiles the USSR might produce and deploy in violation of an agreement. Furthermore, the discussions were held at a TOP SECRET level and did not involve any special clearances or material.

3. I am sure that the errors of fact were included in the reference inadvertently and that you will make the necessary changes.

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